

LITTLE CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Ian Elliott, Jean McCartney, Ken Stephenson, John Dixon, Roland Bell and Brian Shaw.

County Councillor Alan Kennon and Judith Morgan (Parish Clerk) were also in attendance.

No Apologies for absence were received.

Councillor Ian Elliott in the chair

90/16 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

91/16 Police Matters: There were none.

93/16 Minutes

- i) On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.
- ii) On the proposal of Cllr J Dixon, seconded by Cllr K Stephenson, the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

94/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes

- i) Further to minute 69/16 ii) the cancelled meeting at the Wave had been rescheduled for 16th November 2016 at the Hundith Hill Hotel from 6pm - 8.30pm.
- ii) Further to minute 69/16 i) Cllr Kennon offered to contact Hayley Bishop re the transfer of assets.
- iii) Further to minute 73/16 ii) Councillors Elliott and Shaw had attended the meeting of the Windscales Moor Community Fund Advisory Panel on 7th November and had discovered that £9,000.00 is currently available for community groups in this parish. No requests for financial assistance had been forthcoming this year. The Fund is mainly for energy saving projects and the deadline for submissions in the current round is 11th December 2016, with the awarding panel to meet in January 2017. The Parish Council agreed to look into the possibility of applying for funding for a new boiler for the Village Hall and to look at the possibility of obtaining funding to replace the old bus shelter under a future round of grants.
- iv) Further to minute 76/16 i) It was reported that the hedge had now been cut back.
- v) Further to the minutes of the meeting held 20/10/16 it was noted that:
 - a) New keys had been purchased and one set was due to be given to the Sunday dance group.
 - b) The promised chain had not appeared.
 - c) No minutes of the most recent committee meeting had been received although a set of accounts had been furnished.

95/16 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

96/16 Public Participation

There was none.

97/16 Allotments

Cllr K Stephenson reported that all was going well.

98/16 Clerks Report

The following items of correspondence were received:

- i) Information from North West Coast Connections.
- ii) Request for financial assistance from GNAAS. On the proposal of Cllr K Stephenson, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, it was resolved that a donation of £200 be sent to this organisation

The Clerk circulated projected budget figures for the current year and for 2017/18 and the council discussed these in some detail. On the proposal of Cllr B Shaw, seconded by Cllr J McCartney, it was resolved that the precept for 2017/18 be set at £5,500.00

99/16 Authorisation of Payments

The following accounts were approved for payment:

HMRC PAYE	£ 34.20
Rev J Morgan, salary and expenses	£171.86
R Bell	£ 90.00
GNAAS	£200.00
R Stephenson	£ 80.00

100/16 Planning Applications

Details of a consultation on works to trees subject to a preservation order at 11 Sycamore Gardens, Little Clifton - Resolved, no objections.

101/16 Parish Maintenance

- i) Cllr B Shaw reported a street light out at the top end of the village beyond Chapel Brow - Cllr Shaw to check streetlight number and phone in the fault.
- ii) Clerk to continue to liaise with K Cosgrove at County Highways over the sat nav problem at cat bank and the proposed village gateway entry signs.
- iii) Cllr I Elliott reported that the road sweeper had visited and cleared away the fallen leaves but more had since fallen. Resolved; clerk to ask ABC to clear leaves on the U2187 which were hazardous to motorists and pedestrians alike.

102/16 Village Hall

There was a lengthy discussion of the outstanding issues with the management committee of the village hall and concern was expressed that, despite assurances given at the joint meeting with the parish council in October, very little real progress had been made, bookings were still unclear with one date being triple booked, there were outstanding issues with the bank mandate and it was noted that the management committee had still not paid the parish council for the tables ordered on their behalf in the summer. Several health and safety concerns were also discussed. It was understood that the parish council had been reported to Cumbria County Council by the bookings secretary although the substance of this complaint was not known.

After discussion, it was resolved that Cllrs I Elliott and J McCartney should seek legal advice on how the trustees ought to proceed.

103/16 Matters for next meeting

There were no new matters to bring forward.

104/16 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.

Signed..... Chairman